

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): Pigment preparations including as essential constituents

(A) from 60 to 90% by weight of at least one pigment,

(B) from 10 to 40% by weight of at least one nonionic surface-active additive

based on polyethers, and

(C) from 0.1 to 10% by weight of at least one anionic surface-active additive

based on sulfonates, sulfates, phosphonates or phosphates,

the sum total of the weight percentages not exceeding 100% by weight.

Claim 2 (Original): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, wherein component

(B) comprises alkylene oxide block copolymers.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, wherein

component (B) comprises alkylene oxide adducts with at least bifunctional amines or alcohols.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, wherein

component (C) comprises arylsulfonates and/or ether sulfates.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, wherein

component (C) comprises ether phosphates.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, in the form of granules having an average particle size from 50 to 5000 μm and a BET surface area of $\leq 15 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A process for producing pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, which comprises wet-comminuting the pigment (A) in aqueous suspension in the presence of some or all of additive (B) and in the presence or absence of additive (C), subsequently adding additive (C) if the wet-comminuting was carried out in its absence, and then drying the suspension, if necessary after the rest of additive (B) has been added.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A process for pigmenting macromolecular organic ~~and or~~ inorganic materials, which comprises incorporating pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1 into these materials by stirring or shaking.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 8, for pigmenting coatings, paints, inks, ~~including printing inks, and or~~ finish systems, where ~~the a~~ liquid phase comprises water, organic solvent or mixtures of water and organic solvent.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A process for pigmenting macromolecular organic ~~and or~~ inorganic materials using color-mixing systems, which comprises ~~using~~ incorporating pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1 as mixing components.

Claim 11 (New): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 6, wherein the average particle size is from 100 to 1,000 μm and the BET surface area is $\leq 10 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

Claim 12 (New): Pigment preparations as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (A) is present in an amount of from 70 to 85% by weight, component (B) is present in an amount of from 10 to 30% by weight, and component (C) is present in an amount of 0.2 to 5% by weight.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 6 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 8 and 10 have been amended by replacing “and” with --or--, to clarify that the process is applicable to either organic or inorganic materials. Claim 9 has been amended by deleting “including printing inks” since the deleted term is necessarily included within the term “inks”; by replacing “and” with --or--, since the process is applicable to any of the recited applications; and “the” has been replaced with --a-- before “liquid phase” for antecedent basis purposes. Claim 10 has been additionally amended by replacing “using” with --incorporating-- .

New Claims 11 and 12 have been added. Claim 11 is supported in the specification at page 11, last line and page 12, line 13. Claim 12 is supported in the specification at the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-12 are now pending in the application.